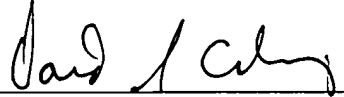


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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

4. (Amended) Hearing aid system according to [any one of claims 1, 2 or 3] claim 1, wherein the hearing aid is a digital hearing aid.

5. (Amended) Hearing aid system according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the voltage dividing network comprises at least two fixed value resistors.

6. (Amended) Hearing aid system according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the output signal to the receiver is delivered by an digital/analogue converter.

7. (Amended) Hearing aid system according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein the output signal to the receiver is delivered by a switching amplifier.

8. (Amended) Hearing aid system according to [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein the output signal to the receiver is delivered by a bit-stream converter.

9. (Amended) Hearing aid system according to [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1, wherein the output signal to the receiver is delivered by a Σ - Δ converter.

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10. (Amended) Hearing aid system according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, wherein the input signal for the receiver is tapped from the voltage dividing network.

11. Hearing aid according to [any one of claims 8 or 9] claim 8, wherein the supply voltage for the amplifier output stage is tapped from the voltage dividing network.

15. (Amended) Hearing aid according to [any one of claims 12 to 14] claim 12, wherein the amplifier is a switch mode amplifier and attenuation is achieved by attenuation of the supply voltage for the amplifier output stage.

16. (Amended) Hearing aid according to [any one of claims 12 to 15] claim 12, wherein the attenuation is achieved by attenuation output signal from the amplifier.